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salt, yeast extract in powder, dehydrated glucose syrup, maltodextrin, monosodic glutamate as taste enhancer, modified starch, flavours, xanthan gum as stabilizer.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Canceled claims 1-9.

Add the following new claims:

--10. (new) A sauce for alimentary use comprising:

at least 40% balsamic vinegar of Modena;

a thickening agent; and

a sugar.

--11. (new) The sauce according to claim 10, wherein the thickening agent and the sugar are contained in a basic preparation comprising sugar, dehydrated glucose syrup, dextrose, lactose, maltodextrin, modified starch and xanthan gum.

--12. (new) The sauce according to claim 10, wherein the thickening agent and the sugar are contained in a basic preparation comprising sugar, dextrose, lactose, dehydrated glucose syrup, maltodextrin and modified starch.

--13. (new) The sauce according to claim 10, wherein the thickening agent and the sugar are contained in a basic preparation comprising sugar, lactose, salt, yeast extract in powder, dehydrated glucose syrup, maltodextrin, monosodic glutamate, modified starch and xanthan gum.

--14. (new) The sauce according to claim 13, further comprising a flavoring base that includes rosemary extract, onion extract, garlic extract, meat flavor and pepper flavor.

--15. (new) The sauce according to claim 13, further comprising a flavoring base that includes rosemary extract, onion extract, garlic extract and chili flavor.

--16. (new) The sauce according to claim 13, further comprising a flavoring base that includes garlic extract and oregano flavor.

--17. (new) The sauce according to claim 13, further comprising a flavoring base that includes garlic extract, crustaceans powder and shrimp flavor.--

REMARKS

The specification and abstract have been amended to make editorial changes therein, bearing in mind the criticisms in the Official Action, to place the application in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action. The subject matter of the original claims has been added as a separate paragraph on page 2.

Claims 1-9 were pending. These claims have been replaced with new claims 10-17 that are believed to be proper as to form. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under §112, second paragraph, are respectfully requested.